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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13%

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 20--Airline passenger traffic rose 13.0 percent in October, compared with the same month last year, and was up 9.3 percent for the first 10 months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in October increased 17.1 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 11.5 percent. The load factor was 58.1 percent, up from 55.3 percent in October of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in October declined 2.4 percent. The available seat miles were down 0.5 percent. The load factor was 58.0 percent, a drop from 59.2 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first 10 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 12.6 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.7 percent. The load factor was 61.5 percent, almost unchanged from the 61.6 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through October declined 3.2 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. The load factor was 59.3 percent, falling from 65.7 percent for the first 10 months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1986 - 1985

		OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	22,304,450	38,390,436	58.1	227,459,375	369,603,345	61.5
	85	19,043,935	34,416,290	55.3	201,972,735	327,973,636	61.6
PERCENT CHANGE		17.1	11.5		12.6	12.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,056,227	8,710,281	58.0	52,046,458	87,719,768	59.3
	85	5,179,533	8,751,915	59.2	53,773,783	81,853,427	65.7
PERCENT CHANGE		(2.4)	(0.5)		(3.2)	7.2	
TOTAL	86	27,360,677	47,100,717	58.1	279,505,833	457,323,113	61.1
	85	24,223,468	43,168,205	56.1	255,746,518	409,827,063	62.4
PERCENT CHANGE		13.0	9.1		9.3	11.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA. FRONTIER INCLUDED FOR JAN-JUL 1986/1985.

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 17.2%

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 18 — Airline passenger traffic rose 17.2 percent in November, compared with the same month last year, and was up 9.9 percent for the first 11 months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in November increased 19.3 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.1 percent. The load factor was 57.6 percent, up from 54.1 percent in November of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in November increased 8.3 percent. The available seat miles rose 7.9 percent. The load factor was 55.5 percent, up slightly from 55.3 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first 11 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 13.2 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.6 percent. The load factor was 61.2 percent, almost unchanged from 60.9 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through November declined 2.4 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. The load factor was 59.0 percent, falling from 64.8 percent for the first 11 months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1986 - 1985

		NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	21,173,144	36,787,553	57.6	248,632,519	406,390,898	61.2
	85	17,741,799	32,808,704	54.1	219,714,534	360,782,340	60.9
PERCENT CHANGE		19.3	12.1		13.2	12.6	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,514,481	8,135,466	55.5	56,560,939	95,855,234	59.0
	85	4,169,240	7,541,268	55.3	57,943,023	89,394,695	64.8
PERCENT CHANGE		8.3	7.9		(2.4)	7.2	
TOTAL	86	25,687,625	44,923,019	57.2	305,193,458	502,246,132	60.8
	85	21,911,039	40,349,972	54.3	277,657,557	450,177,035	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		17.2	11.3		9.9	11.6	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 12 PERCENT IN DECEMBER AND 10 PERCENT IN 1986

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 16 -- U.S. scheduled airline passenger traffic, including domestic and international operations, increased 12.0 percent in December and 10.1 percent in 1986, the Air Transport Association reported today.

The passenger load factor, or percentage of seats filled, was 59.0 percent in December 1986, the same as December 1985. For the year overall, the 1986 passenger load factor was 60.6 percent compared to 61.4 for 1985.

Domestic air traffic in December 1986 was up 13.1 percent over December 1985, and for the year overall 13.2 percent. The domestic passenger load factor was 59.3 percent in December, compared to 59.2 for December 1985. For 1986, the domestic passenger load factor was 61.0 percent compared to 60.8 percent for 1985.

International air passenger traffic increased 6.9 percent in December over a year ago. For the full year 1986, international traffic declined 1.7 percent from 1985. The international passenger load factor was 57.7 percent in December 1986, the same as December 1985. For 1986, the passenger load factor was 58.9 percent compared to 64.2 for 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1986 - 1985

		DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	23,558,495	39,760,077	59.3	272,191,014	446,150,975	61.0
	85	20,830,643	35,161,474	59.2	240,545,177	395,943,814	60.8
PERCENT CHANGE		13.1	13.1		13.2	12.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,866,922	8,429,187	57.7	61,427,861	104,284,421	58.9
	85	4,553,306	7,884,514	57.7	62,496,329	97,279,209	64.2
PERCENT CHANGE		6.9	6.9		(1.7)	7.2	
TOTAL	86	28,425,417	48,189,264	59.0	333,618,875	550,435,396	60.6
	85	25,383,949	43,045,988	59.0	303,041,506	493,223,023	61.4
PERCENT CHANGE		12.0	11.9		10.1	11.6	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 11.2% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 19 — Airline passenger traffic rose 11.2 percent in January, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January increased 10.9 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 9.9 percent. The load factor rose to 54.8 percent from 54.4 percent in January of last year.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in January was up 12.6 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.3 percent. The load factor was 60.4 percent, up from 58.1 percent in the same month of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	22,181,770	40,441,836	54.8
	86	20,002,918	36,797,055	54.4
PERCENT CHANGE		10.9	9.9	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,103,212	8,449,400	60.4
	86	4,532,834	7,805,332	58.1
PERCENT CHANGE		12.6	8.3	
TOTAL	87	27,284,982	48,891,236	55.8
	86	24,535,752	44,602,387	55.0
PERCENT CHANGE		11.2	9.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13.3% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17 — Airline passenger traffic rose 13.3 percent in February, compared with the same month last year, and was up 12.2 percent for the first two months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in February increased 13.6 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.4 percent. The load factor was 59.5 percent, up from 58.9 percent in February of 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in February registered a gain of 11.7 percent. Available seat miles rose 8.8 percent. The load factor was 54.6 percent, up from 53.2 percent for February a year earlier.

During the first two months of the year, domestic passenger traffic increased 12.3 percent. Available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. The load factor was 57.1 percent, up from 56.6 percent in the first two months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines during the first two months rose 12.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.5 percent. The load factor was 57.7 percent, a gain from the 55.8 percent of the first two months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1987 - 1986

		FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	23,163,233	38,936,589	59.5	45,345,003	79,378,425	57.1
	86	20,388,828	34,628,874	58.9	40,391,746	71,425,929	56.6
PERCENT CHANGE		13.6	12.4		12.3	11.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	4,133,416	7,570,843	54.6	9,236,628	16,020,243	57.7
	86	3,701,441	6,957,693	53.2	8,234,275	14,763,025	55.8
PERCENT CHANGE		11.7	8.8		12.2	8.5	
TOTAL	87	27,296,649	46,507,432	58.7	54,581,631	95,398,668	57.2
	86	24,090,269	41,586,567	57.9	48,626,021	86,188,954	56.4
PERCENT CHANGE		13.3	11.8		12.2	10.7	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 12.8% IN MARCH, 12.5% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 12.8 percent in March, and was up 12.5 percent for the first quarter of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic gained 12.8 percent in March. Available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. Passenger load factor was 66.0 percent, up from 65.0 percent for March, 1986.

For the first quarter of 1987, the comparable domestic service figures revealed traffic up 12.5 percent, available seat miles up 11.1 percent and load factor at 60.3 percent compared to 59.6 for the same period last year.

In international service, traffic was up 12.9 percent in March. Available seat miles rose 9.4 percent and passenger load factor was 61.9 percent, up from 60.1 percent in March, 1986.

For the first quarter, international traffic gained 12.4 percent, available seat miles increased 8.8 percent and the load factor was 59.2 percent compared to 57.3 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MARCH 1987 - 1986

		MARCH			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	28,790,420	43,632,842	66.0	74,135,423	123,011,267	60.3
	86	25,530,254	39,264,421	65.0	65,922,000	110,690,350	59.6
PERCENT CHANGE		12.8	11.1		12.5	11.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,389,142	8,699,692	61.9	14,625,770	24,719,935	59.2
	86	4,775,435	7,950,454	60.1	13,009,710	22,713,479	57.3
PERCENT CHANGE		12.9	9.4		12.4	8.8	
TOTAL	87	34,179,562	52,332,534	65.3	88,761,193	147,731,202	60.1
	86	30,305,689	47,214,875	64.2	78,931,710	133,403,829	59.2
PERCENT CHANGE		12.8	10.8		12.5	10.7	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 18.4% IN APRIL, 14% IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18--Airline passenger traffic rose 18.4 percent in April, and was up 14 percent for the first four months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 16.6 percent in April, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 10.6 percent, raising passenger load factor to 65.2 percent, up from 61.8 percent in April, 1986.

In international service, traffic in April rose 27.5 percent, compared to April, 1986. Available seat miles rose 7.6 percent, raising passenger load factor to 63.0 percent, up from 53.1 percent in April of last year.

For the first four months of 1987, domestic traffic was up by 13.6 percent over the same period of 1986. Available seat miles were up 11.0 percent, raising passenger load factor to 61.5 percent from 60.1 percent for the first four months of 1986.

International traffic for the first four months of 1987 was up 16.3 percent, while available seat miles were up 8.5 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 60.2 percent, compared to 56.2 percent for the first four months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1987 - 1986

		APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,689,410	42,475,554	65.2	101,824,833	165,486,821	61.5
	86	23,738,926	38,393,068	61.8	89,660,926	149,083,418	60.1
PERCENT CHANGE		16.6	10.6		13.6	11.0	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,650,902	8,975,053	63.0	20,276,672	33,694,988	60.2
	86	4,430,996	8,343,089	53.1	17,440,706	31,056,568	56.2
PERCENT CHANGE		27.5	7.6		16.3	8.5	
TOTAL	87	33,340,312	51,450,607	64.8	122,101,505	199,181,809	61.3
	86	28,169,922	46,736,157	60.3	107,101,632	180,139,986	59.5
PERCENT CHANGE		18.4	10.1		14.0	10.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 15.3% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 15.3 percent in May, and was up 14.3 percent for the first five months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 11.9 percent in May, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 7 percent, and the passenger load factor rose to 63.7 percent from 60.9 percent in May, 1986.

In international service, traffic in May increased 32.1 percent, compared to May, 1986. Available seat miles rose 3.1 percent. Passenger load factor amounted to 63.7 percent, up from 49.7 percent in May, 1986.

For the first five months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 13.2 percent over the same 1986 period. Available seat miles were up 10.1 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 62.0 percent from 60.3 percent for the first five months of 1986.

International traffic for the first five months of 1987 was up 19.7 percent, and available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 61.0 percent from 54.6 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	MAY RPM'S (000)	MAY ASM'S (000)	MAY LOAD FACTOR (%)	YEAR TO DATE RPM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE ASM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,440,053	43,048,870	63.7	129,264,886	208,535,691	62.0
	86	24,513,317	40,245,005	60.9	114,174,243	189,328,423	60.3
PERCENT CHANGE		11.9	7.0		13.2	10.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	6,502,492	10,210,349	63.7	26,779,164	43,905,337	61.0
	86	4,923,632	9,900,582	49.7	22,364,338	40,957,150	54.6
PERCENT CHANGE		32.1	3.1		19.7	7.2	
TOTAL	87	33,942,545	53,259,219	63.7	156,044,050	252,441,028	61.8
	86	29,436,949	50,145,587	58.7	136,538,581	230,285,573	59.3
PERCENT CHANGE		15.3	6.2		14.3	9.6	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13.8% IN FIRST HALF OF 1987

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 13.8 percent in the first six months of 1987, and was up 11.6 percent in June, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first six months increased 12.1 percent, compared to the same period last year. Available seat miles were up 9.1 percent. The passenger load factor was 62.4 percent, up from 60.8 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International traffic for the first half of 1987 was up 22.1 percent, and available seat miles were up 8.2 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 62.6 percent from 55.4 percent last year.

In domestic service, traffic grew 7.1 percent in June over the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 4.3 percent. The load factor was 67.6 percent, up from 62.9 percent in June a year ago.

In international service, traffic in June jumped 31.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 12.2 percent. The passenger load factor climbed to 68.8 percent from 58.8 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1987 - 1986

		JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,574,592	42,699,475	64.6	156,839,478	251,235,166	62.4
	86	25,746,186	40,947,030	62.9	139,920,429	230,275,453	60.8
PERCENT CHANGE		7.1	4.3		12.1	9.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	7,659,869	11,125,701	68.8	34,439,033	55,031,038	62.6
	86	5,831,581	9,917,308	58.8	28,195,919	50,874,458	55.4
PERCENT CHANGE		31.4	12.2		22.1	8.2	
TOTAL	87	35,234,461	53,825,176	65.5	191,278,511	306,266,204	62.5
	86	31,577,767	50,864,338	62.1	168,116,348	281,149,911	59.8
PERCENT CHANGE		11.6	5.8		13.8	8.9	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 12.2% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 19 — Airline passenger traffic rose 12.2 percent in July and was up 13.5 percent for the first seven months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 7.2 percent in July, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 3.2 percent and the passenger load factor rose to 67.1 percent from 64.6 percent in August, 1986.

In international service of the U.S. airlines, traffic in August increased 33.0 percent, compared to August, 1986. Available seat miles rose 14.5 percent. Passenger load factor was 74.1 percent, up from 63.7 percent in August of last year.

For the first seven months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 11.3 percent over the same months of 1986. Available seat miles were up 8.2 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 63.1 percent from 61.4 percent for the first seven months of 1986.

International traffic for the first seven months of 1987 was up 24.2 percent, and available seat miles were up 9.3 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 64.7 percent from 56.9 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JULY 1987 - 1986

		JULY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	29,576,384	44,092,624	67.1	186,415,862	295,327,790	63.1
	86	27,596,814	42,741,968	64.6	167,517,243	273,017,421	61.4
PERCENT CHANGE		7.2	3.2		11.3	8.2	
INTERNATIONAL	87	8,950,872	12,083,155	74.1	43,389,905	67,114,193	64.7
	86	6,727,565	10,553,633	63.7	34,923,484	61,428,091	56.9
PERCENT CHANGE		33.0	14.5		24.2	9.3	
TOTAL	87	38,527,256	56,175,779	68.6	229,805,767	362,441,983	63.4
	86	34,324,379	53,295,601	64.4	202,440,727	334,445,512	60.5
PERCENT CHANGE		12.2	5.4		13.5	8.4	

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC REACHES ALL TIME RECORD HIGH

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 23--The nation's airlines in August accounted for more than 40 billion revenue passenger miles of service, an all time record high in airline passenger traffic, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Airline passenger traffic rose 8.0 percent in August over August 1986, and was up 12.7 percent for the first eight months of 1987.

In domestic service, traffic grew 3.2 percent in August, compared to the same month last year. The passenger load factor was 69.1 percent, up from 68.7 percent in August, 1986.

In international service of the U. S. airlines, traffic in August increased 27.0 percent, compared to August, 1986. The passenger load factor was 78.8 percent, up from 71.8 percent in August of last year.

For the first eight months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 10.1 percent over the same months of 1986. Passenger load factor rose to 63.9 percent from 62.4 percent for the first eight months of 1986.

International traffic from January through August increased by 24.7 percent. The passenger load factor rose to 66.8 percent from 59.0 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1987 - 1986

		AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	30,635,055	44,356,741	69.1	217,050,917	339,684,531	63.9
	86	29,691,092	43,223,874	68.7	197,208,335	316,241,295	62.4
PERCENT CHANGE		3.2	2.6		10.1	7.4	
INTERNATIONAL	87	9,560,588	12,131,312	78.8	52,950,493	79,245,505	66.8
	86	7,527,334	10,477,449	71.8	42,450,818	71,905,540	59.0
PERCENT CHANGE		27.0	15.8		24.7	10.2	
TOTAL	87	40,195,643	56,488,053	71.2	270,001,410	418,930,036	64.5
	86	37,218,426	53,701,323	69.3	239,659,153	388,146,835	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		8.0	5.2		12.7	7.9	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 9.1% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16, 1987 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 9.1 percent in September, and was up 12.3 percent for the first nine months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in September increased 4.7 percent. Available seat miles gained 4.4 percent. The passenger load factor was 56.4 percent, compared to 56.3 percent in September of 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in September grew 26.1 percent. Available seat miles rose 14.6 percent. The passenger load factor was 67.6 percent, up from 61.4 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first nine months of the year, domestic traffic was up 9.5 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.1 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 63.1 percent from 61.7 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

International traffic of the U.S. airlines from January through September grew 24.9 percent. Available seat miles were up 10.7 percent. The passenger load factor was 66.9 percent, up from 59.3 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	SEPTEMBER RPM'S (000)	SEPTEMBER ASM'S (000)	SEPTEMBER LOAD FACTOR (%)	YEAR TO DATE RPM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE ASM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	23,447,840	41,570,334	56.4	240,498,757	381,254,865	63.1
	86	22,402,565	39,809,398	56.3	219,610,900	356,050,693	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		4.7	4.4		9.5	7.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	7,258,863	10,743,423	67.6	60,209,356	89,988,928	66.9
	86	5,754,355	9,377,933	61.4	48,205,173	81,283,473	59.3
PERCENT CHANGE		26.1	14.6		24.9	10.7	
TOTAL	87	30,706,703	52,313,757	58.7	300,708,113	471,243,793	63.8
	86	28,156,920	49,187,331	57.2	267,816,073	437,334,166	61.2
PERCENT CHANGE		9.1	6.4		12.3	7.8	

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